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for that purpose. That is why I have already stated that officers have been instructed that they should get these papers prepared expeditiously so that the disbursement can take place.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, an apprehension has been created by the answer given by the Hon. Minister. Perhaps the Hon. Minister has given that answer in reply to the particular question put by the hon. Member. I think the question may be wrong. The question relates only to the payment of pension to aided and local board elementary school teachers but according to the announcement made by the Hon. Minister on the floor of the House the pension scheme includes secondary grade teachers in secondary schools. May I know whether this scheme is applicable to the secondary grade teachers in secondary schools also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. As stated by me, it would include secondary grade teachers also but certainly it is open to any hon. Member to put questions with reference to any category within that scheme. Therefore, there is nothing wrong in the question also.

DR. K. B. MENON : Does this scheme include, apart from trained elementary teachers, the other staff in elementary schools like physical instructors?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, physical instructors are also included.

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, the employees who retired from service in the local bodies like local boards, panchayat boards and municipalities after 1st April 1955 have drawn their gratuity amount as according to the rules framed by the Government, the gratuity should be drawn within a period of six months. But they have not been granted pension because the local bodies say that those who have already drawn their gratuity amount are not entitled to pension according to the pension order. So, will the Government consider the desirability of giving instructions to such local bodies that they should be given pension also even though they might have drawn the gratuity amount?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This pension scheme is in addition to whatever emoluments or other facilities which they were getting before. Therefore, the question of pension not being available to those wro have drawn their gratuity amount does not arise.

Distribution of the excess collection by the Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, Ponnani taluk

* 277 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have passed any orders to allocate the sum of Rs. 6,04,637-6-6, the excess amount collected by the

Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Ponnani taluk from the consumers on rice sold to them during 1947–48 for the local development works in that taluk; and

(*b*) whether the sum of Rs. 61,065–5–10 collected by the Trithala Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society has been ordered to be given to the Trithala High School, and, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The Government have ordered that, out of the excess collection of Rs. 6,04–637–6–6 made by the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies of Ponnani, Nattika, Pallikara, Chowghat and Trithala in Ponnani taluk, Malabar district, from the consumers on rice sold to them during 1947–48, a sum of Rs. 5,43,572–0–8 should be spent on local development works approved by the Collector of Malabar, the money being treated as people's contribution and the balance sum of Rs. 61,065–5–10 representing the amount of excess collection made by the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Trithala, utilized as stated in the answer to clause (*b*) below.

(*b*) Yes, Sir. Representations were received from Trithala requesting that the sum of Rs. 61,065–5–10 collected from the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Trithala, might be given to the Trithala High School for opening more courses and for the construction of the school building. The Collector of Malabar and the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) had no objection to this Government complying with the request. The Government, therefore, decided that the sum of Rs. 61,065–5–10 should be paid to the Trithala High School.

Representations have since been received from various individuals and associations protesting against the above decision of the Government and requesting that the above amount be given to other schools also in the Trithala firka and that a portion may be spent on other local development works. The Government are re-examining the question of utilizing the above sum, in the light of the representations now received and, pending further orders, they have directed the Collector of Malabar not to draw and disburse the sum of Rs. 61,065–5–10 to the Trithala High School.

Three-man Committee for the Lower Bhavani Project

* 278 *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU (on behalf of Sri A. Senapathi Gounder): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received on 30th January 1956 any memorandum from the Three-man Committee appointed at the conference of the Lower Bhavani Project ayacutdars held at Satyamangalam on 29th December 1955;

(*b*) the suggestions made in that memorandum; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government thereon?